Congratulations on your new
Doberman Pinscher
Puppy

WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF THE
DOBERMAN PINSCHER OWNER...

The world of a dignified, regal, alert, intelligent, loving animal who will bark, cry, lick and love his way into your heart. He will become a member of the family, a constant companion, a capable guardian, and very possibly the center of your whole life.

Welcome to the world of loving eyes that follow your every movement, the friendly swat of a big paw to get your attention, the cold nose pushing to burrow a head under your arm or in your lap. Ninety pounds of Doberman sitting on your foot, just to be near you!

Welcome to the world of puppy shots and booster shots, worming, housebreaking, crate training, choosing a good quality kibble, and always asking your breeder or veterinarian for advice on how to keep him healthy and happy.

Welcome to the world of trimming whiskers, manicuring toenails, cleaning teeth, caring for ears, and teaching him to walk on a lead.

Welcome to the world of obedience rings, conformation rings, judges, handlers, ribbons, trophies, tears and laughter!

Welcome to our world - we who have made the astounding discovery that we do not own Dobes...... THEY OWN US!

TEMPERAMENT

Some early specimens were quite sharp and aggressive, but today's Doberman temperament has undergone a gradual but steady decrease in overall sharpness.

Not all Dobermans have the same temperament. A Doberman Pinscher of correct breed temperament is trustworthy with his master's children, friends and company. Doberman Pinschers are not well suited to being kennel dogs or isolated outdoor dogs, nor is it advisable to house two adult males together.

THE DOBERMAN BLUEPRINT

The DPCA is a member of the AKC and is responsible for writing the Standard of our breed. It is a description of how the ideal Doberman should look, move, and behave. Responsible breeders strive to produce dogs that are healthy and conform to the Standard. Dobermans that deviate from the Standard in appearance, structure, or temperament should NEVER be bred.

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The major objective of the Parent Club is to encourage and promote purebred Doberman Pinschers and do everything possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection. To that end the DPCA feels a great obligation to educate you about our very special breed.

Policy of the Doberman Pinscher Club of America regarding the Albino "white" Doberman:

After investigation the Doberman Pinscher Club of America has determined that the albinistic trait in Dobermans is deleterious to the breed and should be considered a disqualifying genetic fault as described in the Doberman Pinscher Club of America's Standard and Code of Ethics.

We discourage breeders from allowing this trait to spread and recommend the following: Albino "white" specimens, parents of albino "whites", the litter mates of albino "whites", as well as any animal coded with a "WZ" as the first two letters of it's AKC registration number SHOULD NOT BE BRED. All of these dogs should be spayed or neutered.

Albinos "whites" are not eligible to be shown in AKC conformation shows, therefore no AKC Champions are "white".

DPCA Membership affords many benefits:

* A new member packet containing free copies of pertinent information concerning the DPCA and Dobermans, the DPCA Constitution, DPCA Yearbook and Directory of Breeders, the Doberman Pinscher Color Guide and a DPCA decal.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

The appearance is that of a dog of medium size, with a body that is square..... Elegant in appearance, of proud carriage, reflecting great nobility and temperament. Energetic, watchful, determined, alert, fearless, loyal and obedient.

SIZE

Dogs: 26 to 28 inches, ideal about 27 1/2 inches; Bitches: 24 to 26 inches, ideal about 25 1/2 inches........

HEAD

Long, dry, resembling a blunt wedge........ Eyes almond shaped........ the darkest shade being preferable in every case........ Ears normally cropped and carried erect..........

COLOR AND MARKINGS

Allowed colors: Black, Red, Blue, Fawn (Isabella). Markings: Rust, sharply defined, appearing above each eye and on muzzle, throat and forechest, on all legs and feet, and below tail..........

DISQUALIFICATION: Overshot more than 3/16 of an inch, undershot more than 1/8 of an inch. Four or more missing teeth. Dogs not of an allowed color.

THE PARENT CLUB

The Doberman Pinscher Club of America is a nonprofit, national organization composed of more than 2000 members from almost all of the 50 states and many foreign countries. It is the "parent" organization of 58 "area" Chapter Clubs.